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In re Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2001, the period for response having been extended one month to April 21, 2002, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants note that since April 21, 2002, was a Sunday, the Response, Petition for Extension of Time, and extension fee filed April 22, 2002, the next succeeding business day, are timely. 35 U.S.C. § 21(b).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 46, 68, and 114-117 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 15, 29, 32, 50, 64, 65, 83, 85, 94, 100, 109, 110, 118, 124, 135, 144, 150, 156, 157, and 161 as follows:

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